



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

[Iowa Health and Wellness Plan](#)

New Benefit Comparison Chart Available: A new document is now available outlining the benefits covered by the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. This document compares benefits of the IowaCare program and the comprehensive benefits and provider network of the Iowa Health and Wellness Program. [Access the document here.](#)

Medically Exempt Definition Posted, Comments Accepted: A working draft of the Medically Frail/Exempt definition has been posted for viewing and for comment. The document outlines categories of medical conditions that would qualify a Medicaid member as being medically frail/exempt. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise is seeking comments on the document and definition. **If interested, please submit comments to DHSIMEHealthandWellnesPlan@dhs.state.ia.us by October 21, 2013.** [Access the definition document here.](#)

Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Manager Agreement: The Iowa Wellness Plan (for individuals with income 0-100% of the Federal Poverty Level) will become active on January 1, 2014, for eligible and enrolled members. The agreement outlines the provider requirements for participation as a Patient Manager in the Iowa Wellness Plan. Providers wishing to become Patient Managers for the Iowa Wellness Plan should complete the agreement. Specialty providers that do not perform primary care services do not need to complete the agreement; current Medicaid agreements cover non-primary care services. [Access the agreement here.](#)

[IowaCare Transition](#)

Reminder of Change in Member Transition Process: The Department of Human Services (DHS) has re-evaluated the decision that all IowaCare members will have to go through the full application process for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Instead, DHS will centrally verify the income of all IowaCare members and will 'administratively transfer' qualifying members into the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. For those members application will not be necessary. For members who cannot be verified or whose income exceeds the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan limits, those members will be instructed to proceed to the application process.

Member Mailing Begins: The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise began notifying members of the change in eligibility verification for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. All members received a letter the week of September 30 explaining that additional details on their potential eligibility for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan are yet to come. [Access the letter here.](#)

[Health Insurance Marketplace](#)

Health Insurance Marketplace Community Events: The Iowa Insurance Division has kicked off a series of community events throughout the state to help educate Iowans about their options for health care coverage and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Staff from the Iowa Insurance Division and Department of Human Services will present and answer questions at each event. [Look for an event in your community here.](#)

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